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SUBJECT: COSTA RICA ANNOUNCES RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM

1. LOCAL MEDIA REPORTED APRIL 23 THAT NORTH VIETNAM AND COSTA RICA SIGNED JOINT COMMUNIQUE EFFECTIVE THAT DATE ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. COMMUNIQUE SIGNED IN TOKYO BY COSTA RICAN AMBASSADOR AND NORTH VIETNAMESE CHARGE. ACCORDING REPORTS HERE, THESE RELATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED THROUGH THE COSTA RICAN EMBASSY IN TOKYO.

2. IN APRIL 22 PRESS CONFERENCE FONMIN FACIO SAID THAT THESE RELATIONS REPRESENTED THE APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY IN COSTA RICAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT RELATIONS WITH
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PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA, FACIO STATED THAT BECAUSE PRC WISHES TO IMPOSE A CONDITION ON COSTA RICA THAT

IS NOT ACCEPTABLE--BREAKING TIES WITH TAIWAN--
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS DO NOT EXIST. FACIO ELABORATED,
ACCORDING TO MEDIA, "WE ESTABLISH RELATIONS WHEN OUR
SOVEREIGNTY IS RESPECTED AND NOT WHEN CONDITIONS ARE
IMPOSED".

4. FONOFF SOURCE CONFIRMED MEDIA ACCOUNTS, AND
NOTED THAT COSTA RICA CONTINUES TO HAVE RELATIONS WITH
SOUTH VIETNAM.

5. COMMENT: COSTA RICA ANNOUNCEMENT IS NOT INCONSISTENT
WITH POLICY, ALTHOUGH TIMING WAS UNEXPECTED. COMING ON
HEELS OF FACIO VISIT TO KOREA AND ROC, IT MIGHT ALSO
BE CONSIDERED AN ATTEMPT BY LEFT OF CENTER ODUBER
GOVERNMENT TO COUNTERBALANCE ITS IMAGE. AS SUCH,
IT WILL HAVE SOME POLITICAL VALUE AT HOME AND FOR
FACIO'S REPUTATION AS PROPONENT OF "IDEOLOGICAL
PLURALISM."
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